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For: **PLANTS HAVING MODIFIED GROWTH  
CHARACTERISTICS AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE  
SAME**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified  
application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows: